

PowerRail 200A

The PowerRail 200A is an easy-to-install bus bar and cableinterconnect system. It allows rapid connect/disconnect, increasing equipment uptime. The Methode 200 Amp PowerRail is available in lengths ranging from 6 inches to 6 feet. The standard 200A version is a two conductor system



Key specs:

- Bus Bar-equivalent performance: Very low resistance, essentially the same as a conventional bus bar
- Connect to bus bar, cable or another connector
- Uses 12 AWG through 4 AWG cable
- Locking connectors available in squeeze-torelease or jack screw and panel mount style
- Keyed housing ensures proper mating polarity

• Mounting options available for front or rear attachment

- Cable or bus bar connections available for input and/or output
- Rated for 600V
- Silver over nickel plating
- Full power is available anywhere along the rail

Features and benefits

- Easy installation; lowers system installation cost by reducing connection time
- Standard product eliminates development time and tooling costs
- Cost-effective
- High power density
- Eliminates discrete connectors
- Fast power connection simply click the mating connector into place
- Reliable connection: The mating connector is locked in place with squeeze-to-release fingeractuated clips or jack screw locking mechanism
- Low voltage drop results in better system performance
- Universal configuration One rail will accommodate different wire gauges and different width bus bar tabs
- Realize the benefits of both conventional bus bar and PowerRail by mounting one to the other

PowerRail 200A Construction

Plated and heat treated Be/Cu louver contacts

Formed plated copper rail

Injection molded glass-filled nylon housing

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dual-bolt FusionLug connector.





Consult the factory for blade contact termination

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Electrical specifications*

Description	Condition	Value/limits
Current rating	PowerRail conductor	200A continuous
	Power louvered contact	50A per linear inch
Interconnect resistance	Interface between Power Blade and	0.2 mΩ max
	PowerRail louvered contact	
Conductivity	C11000 copper alloy, 20°C	100% IACS
		0.591 MegaSiemens/cm
		(about 99% that of pure
		copper)
Resistivity	C11000 copper alloy, 20°C	10.3 ohms-cmil/ft
		1.71 microhm-cm

Insulation resistance	EIA-364-21, Apply 500 VDC between	5 X 10 ⁹ Ω min
	terminals and ground.	
Operating voltage		600VDC max
Dielectric strength	EIA 364-20, apply 1500 VDC for 1 minute between terminals and ground	No breakdown
Inductance		\leq 500nH / meter

Mechanical specifications

Description	Condition	Value/limits
Rail conductor	ASTM-B-187	Copper alloy
Plating, rail, rail contact and	Silver plate per ASTM B700	Silver plate over nickel plate
connector blade contacts	Nickel plating per SAE-AMS-QQ-N-290	
Rail contact	ASTM-B-194	Beryllium copper alloy
Rail housing, end caps, main	U.L. 94	Nylon, 94 V-0 rated
insulator and connectors		
Blade contacts	ASTM-B-301 or ASTM B16	Copper or brass alloy
Insertion / extraction force	0.250 inch wide contact	
	Blade Insertion	5 lb max
	Blade Retention	8 oz min

Environmental specifications*

Description	Condition	Value/limits
Temperature range	Operating	+10°C to +90°C
	Non-operating	-40° C to $+105^{\circ}$ C
	Absolute max, any part of the	
	PowerRail assembly	+105°C
Humidity range	Operating, non-condensing	10%-90% RH
	Non-operating, non-condensing	5%-93% RH
Altitude	Operating	0 to 2000 meters
	Non-operating	0 to 12,000 meters
Random vibration	EIA-364-28D test condition VII, letter D,	No damage
	Mate connectors with rail and vibrate	
	15 minutes each axis.	
Mechanical Shock	EIA-364-27, Mate connector with rail	No damage
	and shock at 10g with 1/2 sine	
	waveform (11 milliseconds) shocks in	
	the X, Y, Z axes (18 shocks total).	

Humidity	EIA-364-31B, Mate connectors with rail,	No visible damage	
	expose to 40° C +/- 2° C with relative	Contact resistance change	
	humidity of 90-95% for 96 hours.	+106%	
Thermal Shock	EIA-364-32, mate connectors with rail,	No visible damage	
	expose to 5 cycles from –55°C to +125°C		

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High Temperature Life test	EIA-364-17, Mate connectors with rail,	No visible damage,
	expose to 250 hours at +105°C	Contact resistance change ±9%
	Check – this was on the data sheet: (EIA-	
	364-17)	
Transportation vibration	ASTM 4169 level 2	No visible damage
	Random vibration for 3 hours	Interconnect resistance 0.2
		mΩ max
Durability	EIA-364-09C 250 mating/un-mating cycles	No visible wear or damage to
	at 10 cycles per minute. Measure	plated surfaces; Interconnect

Safety and regulatory specifications

Description	Condition	Value/limits
Safety	IEC 60950	Ratings specific to
	EN 60950	application
	UL 60950	
RoHS	IEC Directive 2002/95/EC	< 0.1% Lead (Pb)
	(Restriction of Hazardous	< 0.1% Mercury (Hg)
	Substances Directive)	< 0.01% Cadmium (Cd)
		< 0.1% Hexavalent Chromium (Cr [VI])
		< 0.1% Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB)
		< 0.1% Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDE)
		< 0.1% Decabromodiphenyl Ether (DecaBDE)

*Test report available upon request

Optional connectors



.03 (.76) Degree	X 45 chamfer		
R	ecommended Mating Blade Detail	Methode FusionLug [™] can be used to provide a connection to the PowerRail	

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PowerRail 200A configuration





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